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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Jenna-Leigh Befumo

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jenna-Leigh Befumo.

(3) John Curro.

(2) Angela Stone.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 19 August 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: Show samples produced with and with apertures - the samples bonded together layers that cannot be thermally bonded such as foil and paper.

Claim(s) discussed: _____.

Identification of prior art discussed: Srinivasan.

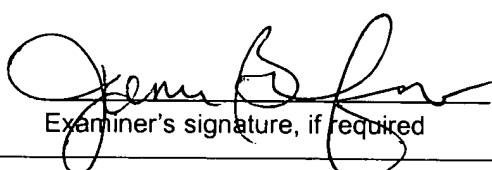
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required



Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the criticality of the aspect ratio for the bond sites. Applicant presented samples and pictures that show that the bond sites formed are thin slits which all the non-meltable layers to be apertured during processing so that the outer layers can be bonded together. The bond site created is then weakened sufficiently so that the site will break to form an aperture when tension is applied in the cross machine direction. Agreed that if the Applicant could show criticality for an aspect ratio of greater than 3, i.e., the apertures would not form with a lower aspect ratio, or limit the thickness of the bond site as set forth in the specification, this would overcome the prior art which does not specifically discuss the aspect ratio of the bond sites.